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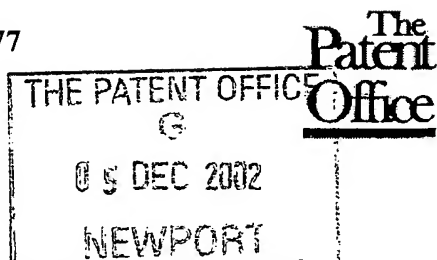
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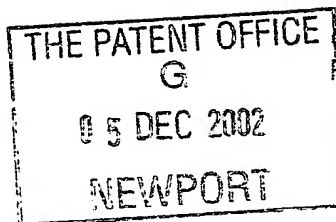
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A SPROCKET

This invention concerns a sprocket, sometimes known as a chain wheel, for bicycles, motorcycles and similar wheeled vehicles.

Sprockets are conventionally formed in one piece as substantially circular discs of steel having teeth around the perimeter, and having various inner sections cut away to reduce weight. Since aluminium is light in weight, and many bicycle and motorcycle parts are made therefrom for this reason, it has recently been proposed to produce a sprocket by attaching a toothed steel annulus around the perimeter of a circular aluminium disc, the steel providing the necessary strength and wear resistance for the toothed perimeter. The aluminium disc and/or the steel annulus is provided with a series of projections or "ears" which overlie the other part and by means of which the parts are rivetted together. This has not proved to be satisfactory as the risk of the steel annulus detaching from the central aluminium disc after a period of use is too great and failure during use could prove fatal.

An object of this invention is to address this problem.

According to the invention a sprocket is provided comprising a disc of a first metal material having a substantially circular perimeter and an externally toothed annulus of a second metal material which is attached around the perimeter of the disc, in which respect the perimeter edge of the disc and an inner edge of the annulus are threadedly engaged.

In preferred practical embodiments the annulus and the disc are additionally connected by a pin which prevents relative rotation thereof and thereby prevents disengagement of their intermeshed threads.

The invention will be described further, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig 1 is a side view of a practical embodiment of a sprocket in accordance with the invention; and

Fig 2 is a cross-section along line II-II in Fig 1, but showing five variations in thread size.

The exemplary sprocket comprises an annulus 10 of steel having conventionally formed teeth 12 around its outer edge. The inner diameter of this annulus 10 may be about 122mm. The sprocket further comprises a disc 14 of aluminium or an aluminium alloy which has an outer circular perimeter about 120mm in diameter. A large circular central aperture 16 is cut out of the disc 14,

so it is also annular. A number of other circular apertures 18 are cut out of the disc 14, as is customary, to reduce weight, while also creating an attractive pattern for the sprocket.

The steel annulus 10 is connected to the perimeter of the aluminium disc 14 by threaded interengagement. With reference to Fig 2, the disc and the annulus are both 6mm thick in this example. The outer edge of the disc 14 and the inner edge of the annulus 10 are formed with corresponding i.e. engagable, helical grooves to accomplish said threaded engagement. With a 6mm thickness, the number of helical turns may suitably be from 2 to 6, so that each thread has a thickness (pitch) between 3mm and 1mm. Fig 2 shows possible variants having 2, 2.5, 3, 4 and 5 helical turns. Obviously both the disc 14 and the annulus 10 must be formed with great precision so that a secure threaded engagement is accomplished.

Adhesive may also be used to secure the threaded connections between the outer annulus 10 and the central disc 14.

Finally, after the annulus 10 is threadedly connected to the disc 14, a single pin 20 is inserted across the line of the connection at one location to prevent any risk of the disc 14 disengaging.

The disc pattern and the dimensions may, of course, vary in other embodiments within the scope of the invention.

CLAIMS

1. A sprocket comprising a disc of a first metal material having a substantially circular perimeter and an externally toothed annulus of a second metal material which is attached around the perimeter of the disc, in which respect the perimeter edge of the disc and an inner edge of the annulus are threadedly engaged.
2. A sprocket as claimed in claim 1 wherein the annulus and the disc are additionally connected by a pin which prevents relative rotation thereof.
3. A sprocket as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the perimeter edge of the disc and the inner edge of the annulus are each formed with from two to six turns of interengaging helical threads.
4. A sprocket substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawing.

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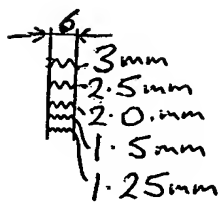
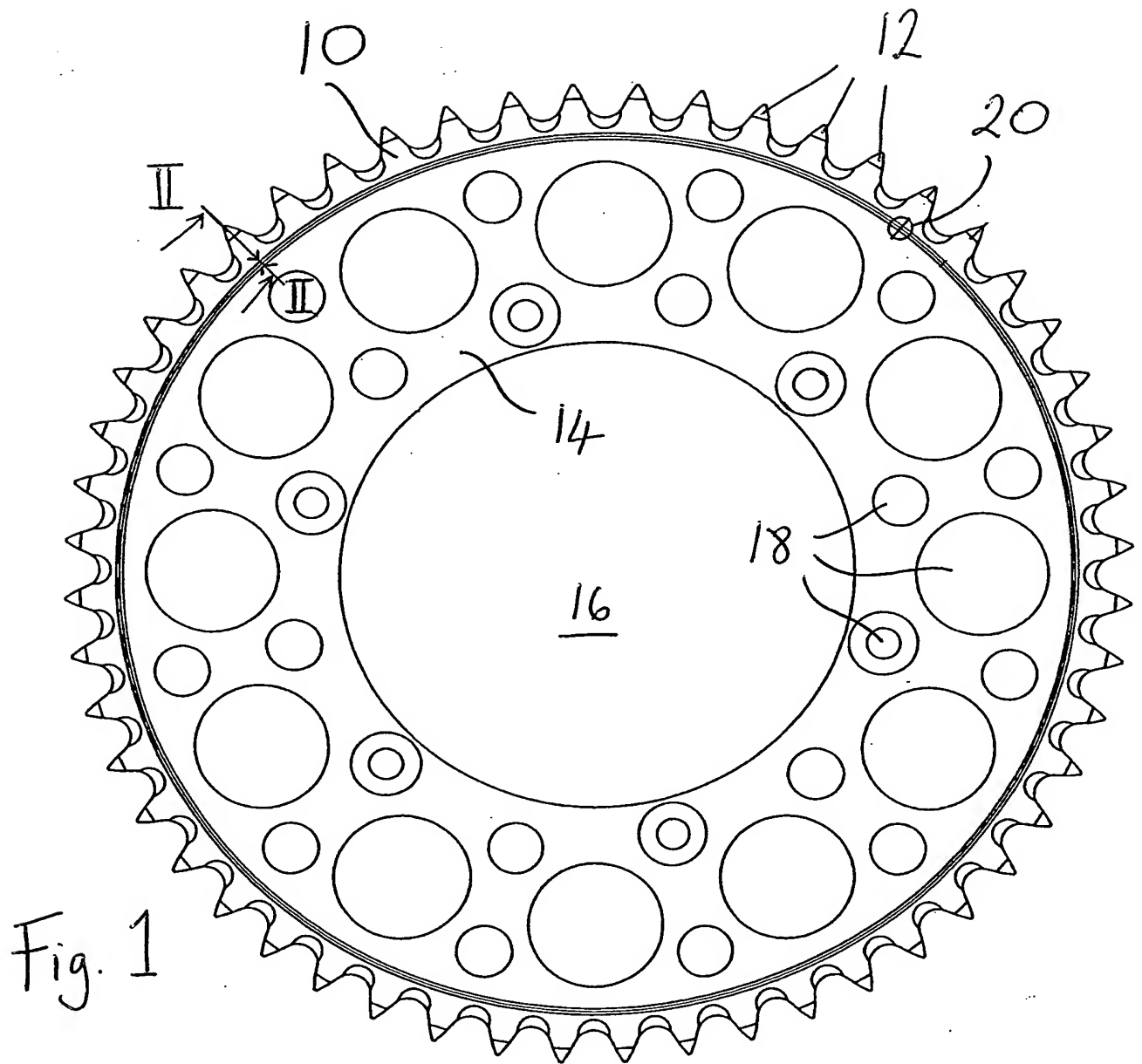


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